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DICK COLE



DICK
RISKS HIS LIFE
ON A MISSION OF
MERCY, BUT THE BOY
HE TRIES TO SAVE
IS TOO HOT
TO HANDLE!

ON SUMMER VACATION FROM
FARR MILITARY ACADEMY,
SIMBA KARNO AND DICK COLE
CAMP OUT IN A REDWOOD
GROVE IN CALIFORNIA...

GREAT IDEA,
COMING OUT
HERE, DICK! IT'S
BEAUTIFUL!

ART BY
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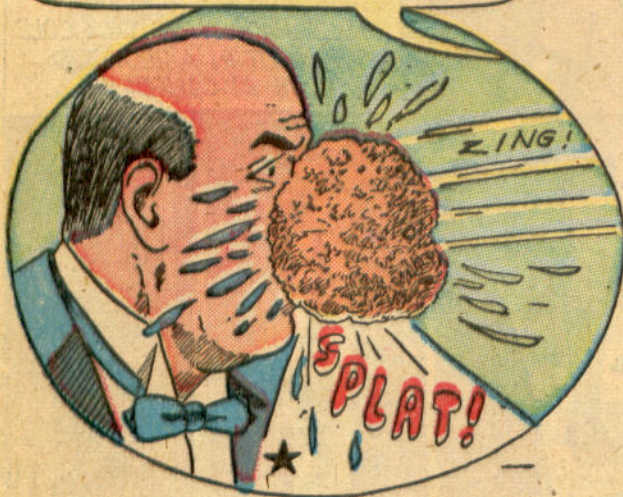
IN A MANSION SEVERAL MILES FROM THE GROVE,
LIVES WEALTHY YOUNG RANDOLPH GRAY...



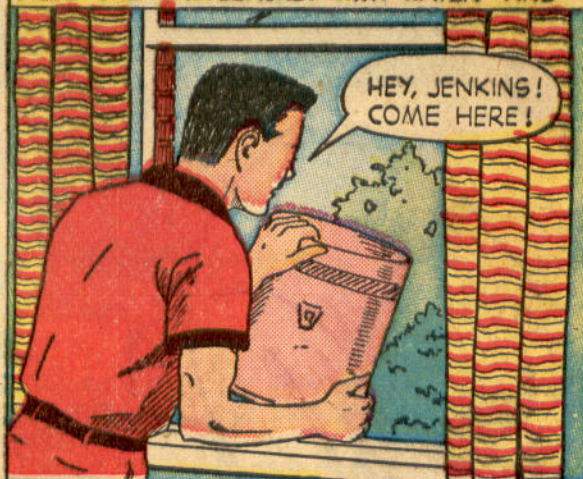
RANDY EXPRESSES HIS DISLIKE BY DIRECT
ACTION!



SO...TAKE ONE YOURSELF, MEADOWS!



AS MEADOWS FLEES FROM THE ROOM, RANDY
FILLS THE WASTEBASKET WITH WATER - AND -



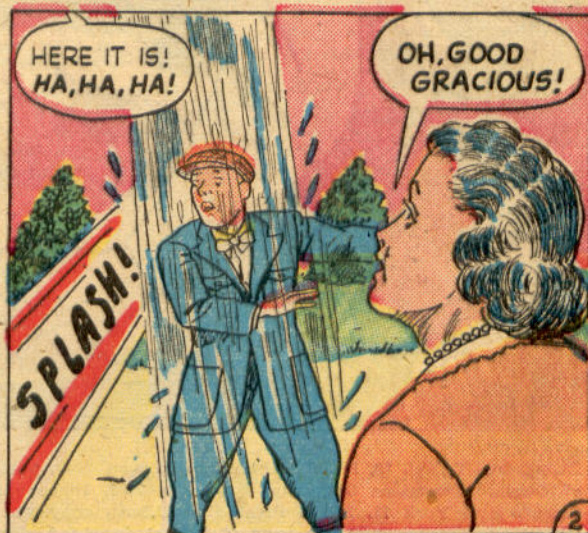
WANT A PONY
RIDE, MASTER RANDY?
I HAVE HIM ALL
READY FOR YOU!

I'VE GOT
SOMETHING
FOR YOU -
COME
HERE!



HERE IT IS!
HA, HA, HA!

OH, GOOD
GRACIOUS!



MRS. GRAY, YA OUGHTA CLAMP DOWN ON THAT BOY BEFORE HE DOES SOMETHING SERIOUS!

OR BEFORE I BREAK HIS NECK!

NONSENSE!

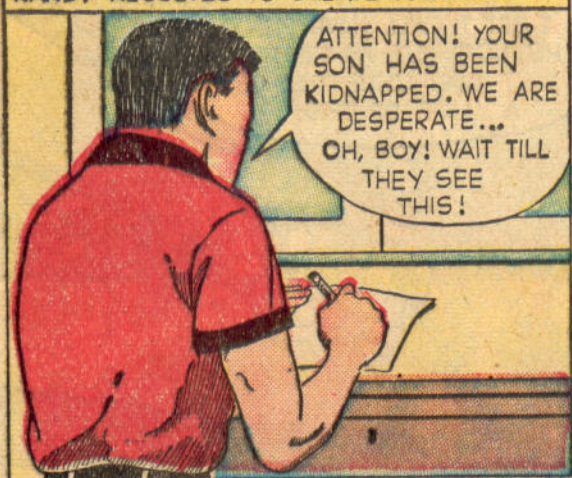


WE MUST ALL HUMOR MASTER RANDY'S LITTLE WHIMS. HE'S SUCH A DEAR, NERVOUS, SENSITIVE BOY!



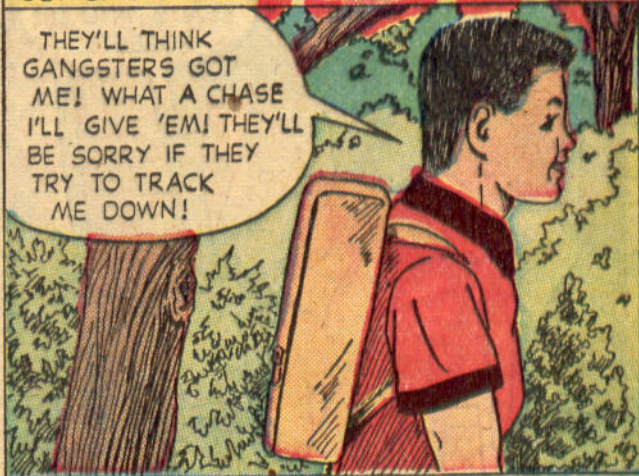
AND UPSTAIRS, BORED WITH MINOR PRANKS, RANDY RESOLVES TO CREATE A STIR...

ATTENTION! YOUR SON HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED. WE ARE DESPERATE... OH, BOY! WAIT TILL THEY SEE THIS!



LEAVING THE NOTE ON HIS DESK, RANDY SNEAKS OUT OF THE HOUSE AND AWAY...

THEY'LL THINK GANGSTERS GOT ME! WHAT A CHASE I'LL GIVE 'EM! THEY'LL BE SORRY IF THEY TRY TO TRACK ME DOWN!



MEANWHILE, THE "KIDNAP" NOTE HAS BEEN FOUND AND THE POLICE SUMMONED.

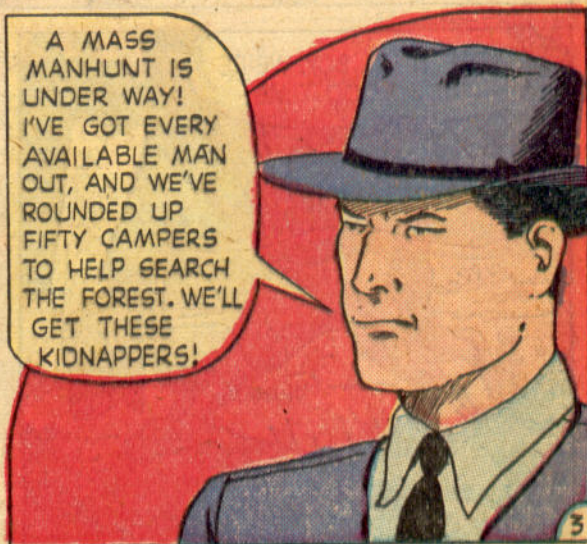
OH, MY POOR, HELPLESS, LITTLE BOY!

THE POLICE ARE DOING THEIR BEST, DEAR.

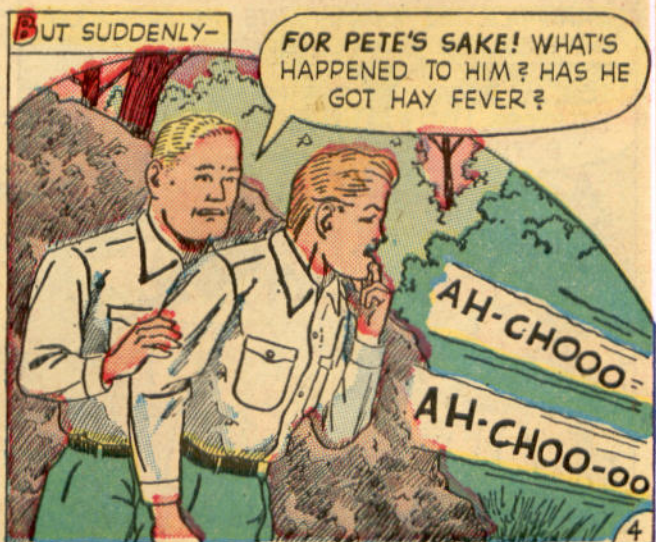
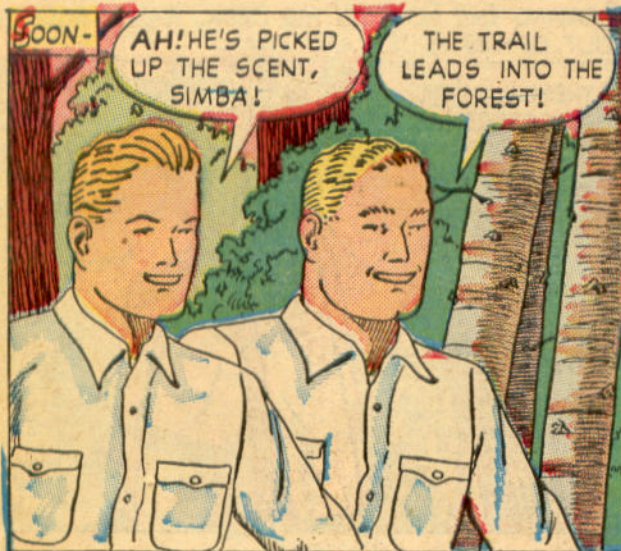
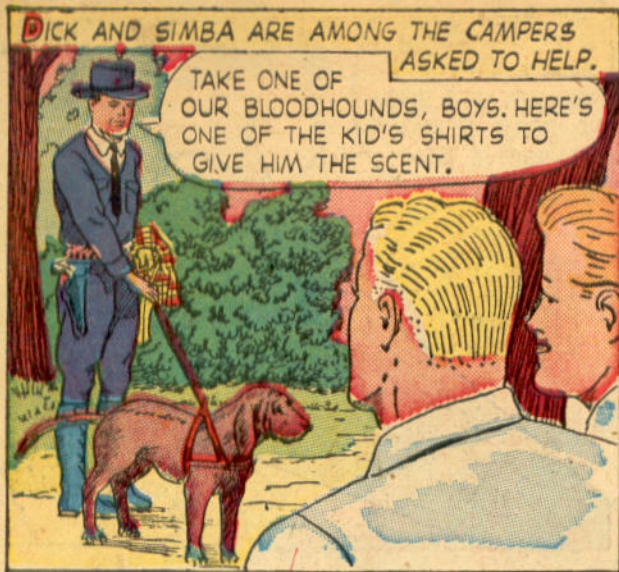
THAT'S RIGHT, MA'AM.

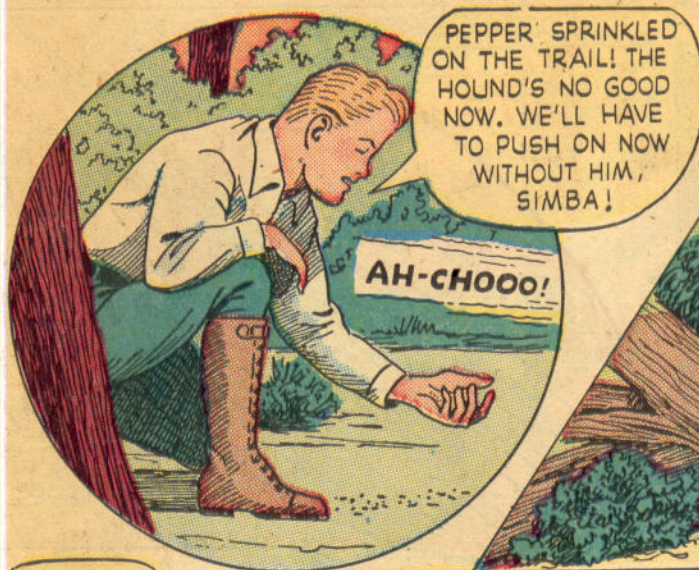


A MASS MANHUNT IS UNDER WAY! I'VE GOT EVERY AVAILABLE MAN OUT, AND WE'VE ROUNDED UP FIFTY CAMPERS TO HELP SEARCH THE FOREST. WE'LL GET THESE KIDNAPPERS!



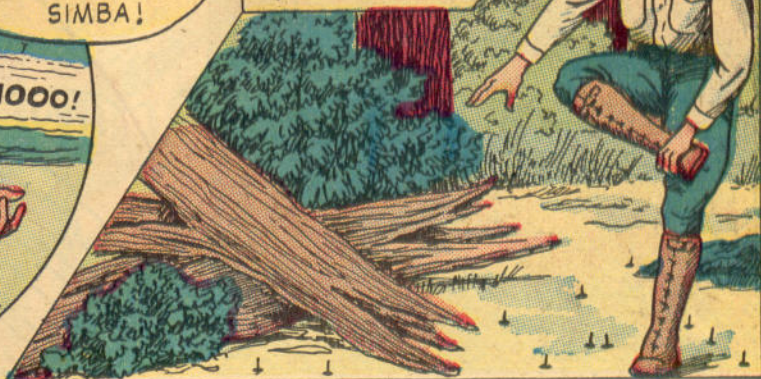
Q 1 What do you call the price paid in redeeming a kidnapped person?





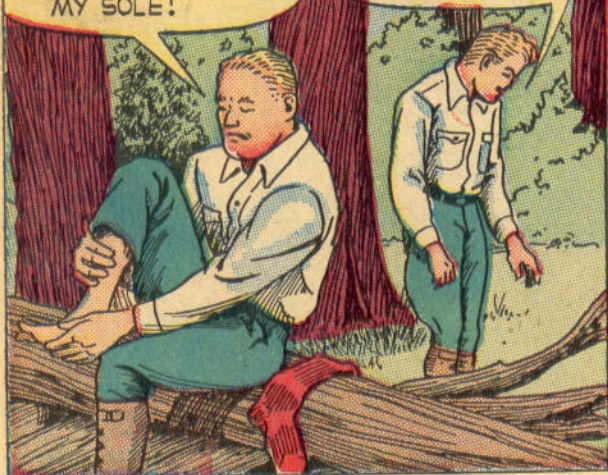
ALERTLY WATCHING FOR FOOTPRINTS AND OTHER SIGNS, DICK AND SIMBA FOLLOW RANDY'S TRAIL UNTIL...

OW! MY FOOT!



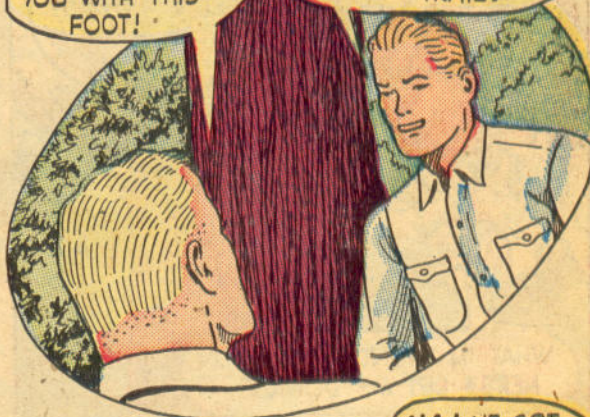
OUCH! DOGGONED THING DROVE RIGHT THROUGH MY SOLE!

WHY, THE TRAIL IS STUDDERED WITH 'EM!

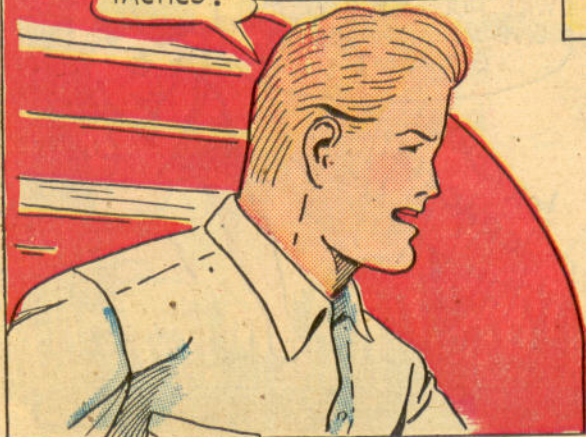


I'LL HAVE TO DROP OUT, DICK.. CAN'T KEEP UP TO YOU WITH THIS FOOT!

TOUGH LUCK, SIMBA. I'LL PUSH ON. TELL THE OTHERS I'M ON THE TRAIL!

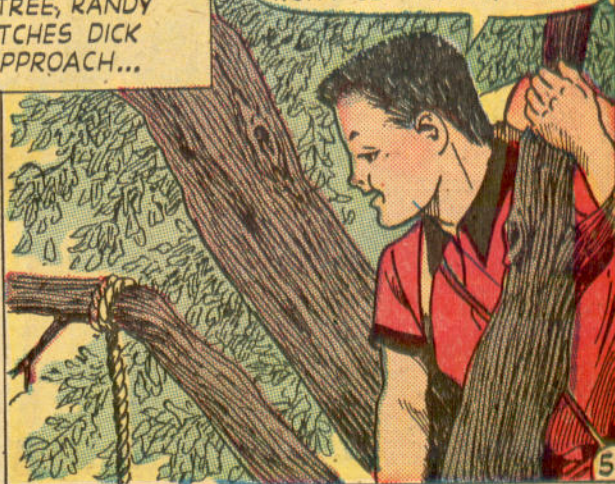


PEPPER AND TACKS! I DON'T GET IT! WOULD HARDENED CRIMINALS USE SUCH TACTICS?



PERCHED HIGH IN A TREE, RANDY WATCHES DICK APPROACH...

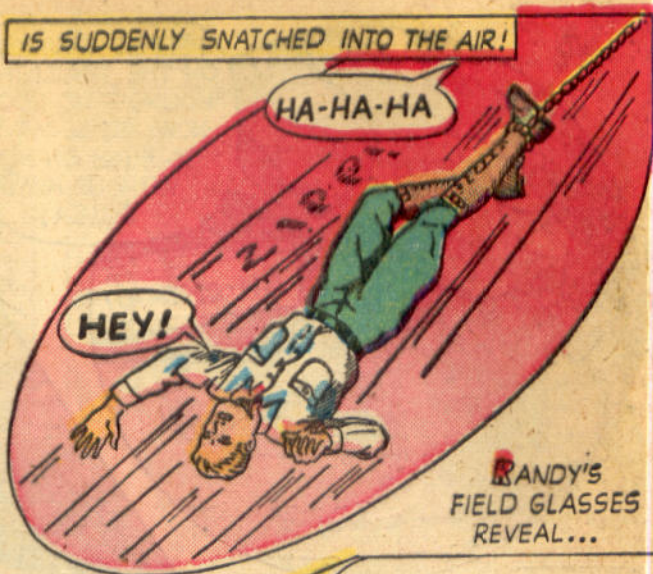
HA! HE GOT PAST THE TACKS, BUT HE WON'T GET PAST MY SNARE!



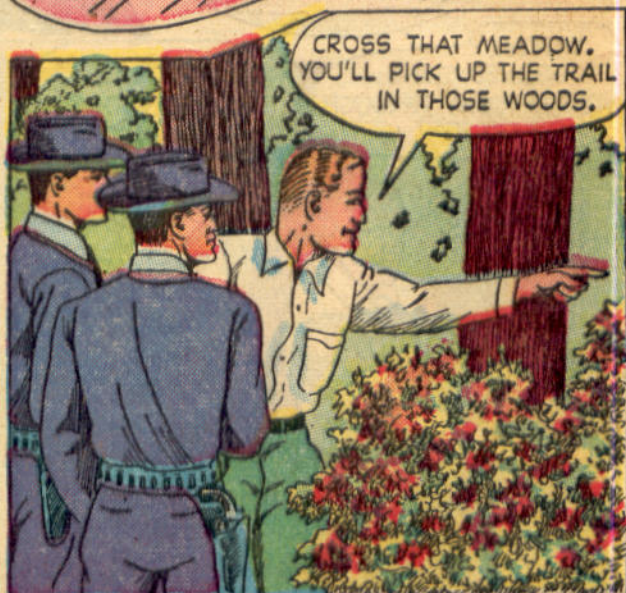
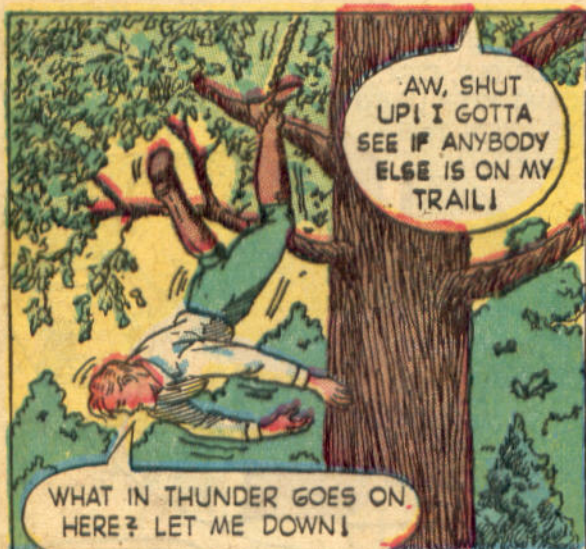
DICK STEPS INTO THE SNARE—AND...



IS SUDDENLY SNATCHED INTO THE AIR!



RANDY'S
FIELD GLASSES
REVEAL...



RANDY RACES TO THE EDGE OF THE MEADOW—

THERE! A WALL OF FIRE
WILL HOLD 'EM BACK, AND
GIVE ME A CHANCE TO
GET AWAY!



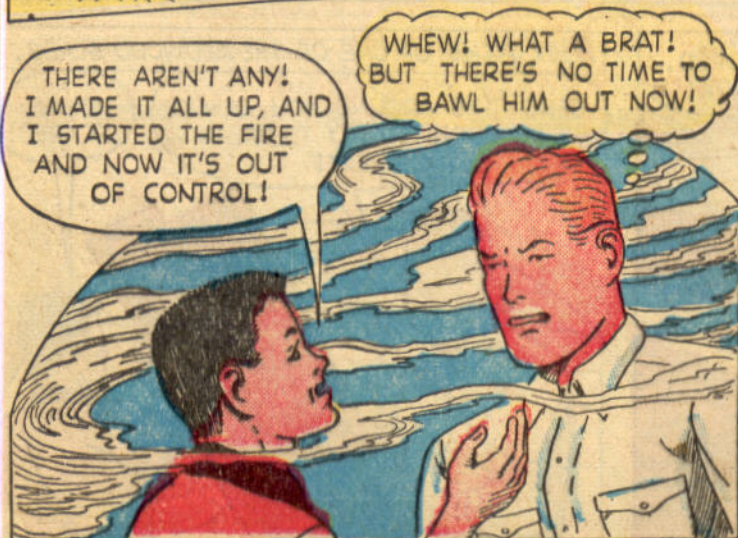
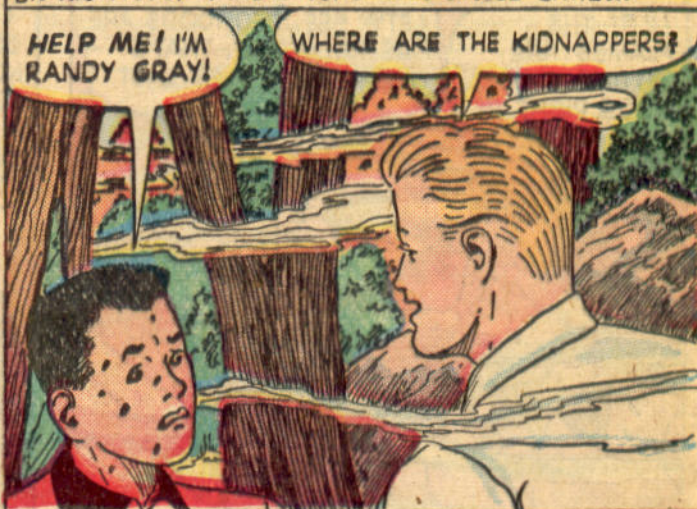
BUT RANDY HAS OVERLOOKED THE DIRECTION OF THE WIND! A STRONG BREEZE FANS THE FLAMES INTO THE WOODS!



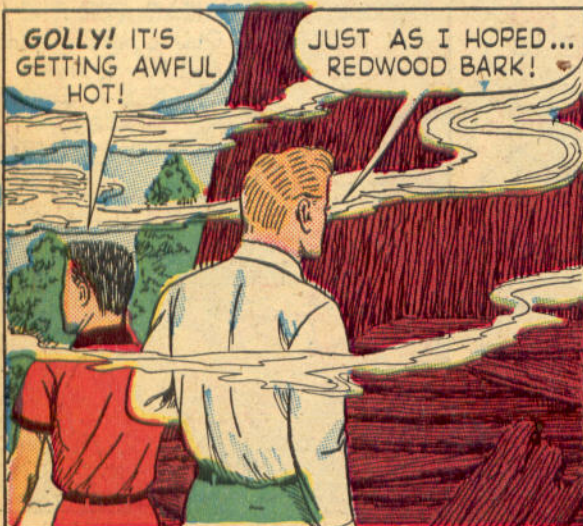
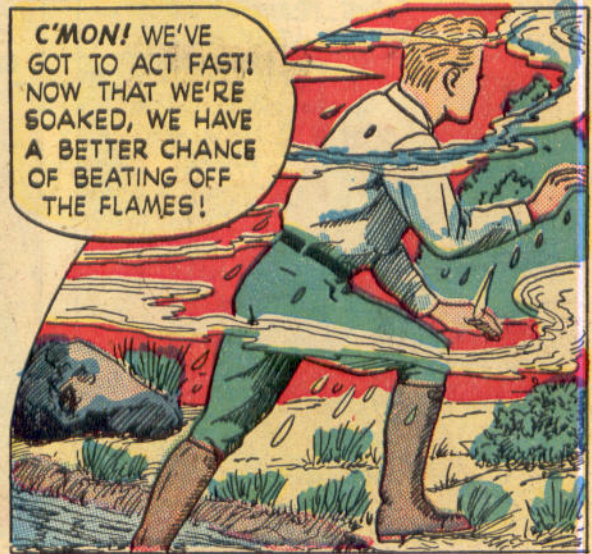
MEANWHILE, DICK'S TRAINING AS A GYMNAST COMES IN VERY HANDY.



IN HIS PANIC, RANDY RUNS IN A CIRCLE UNTIL...



GASPING FOR BREATH, THEY REACH THE STREAM..



A 3 It's 272.4' tall and 36.5' in diameter at its base.

DON'T PULL ANY TANTRUMS ON ME! HOLD THIS IN PLACE, AND KEEP YOUR NERVE!

Y-YES, SIR!

WE'VE GOT A SLIM CHANCE TO BREAK THROUGH THE BELT OF FIRE, RANDY. THIS BARK SHOULD SHIELD US FROM THE FIRE AND HEAT!

NOW, LET'S GET GOING! MOVE AS FAST AS YOU CAN! WATCH OUT FOR FALLING TREES!

DESPERATELY, THE BOYS PLUNGE INTO THE INFERNO!

PROTECTED BY THE FIRE-RESISTANT BARK, THEY PICK THEIR WAY THROUGH THE CRASHING, FLAMING FOREST!

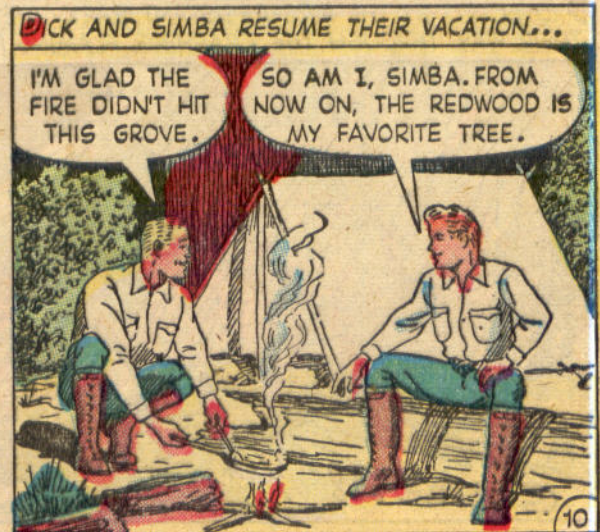
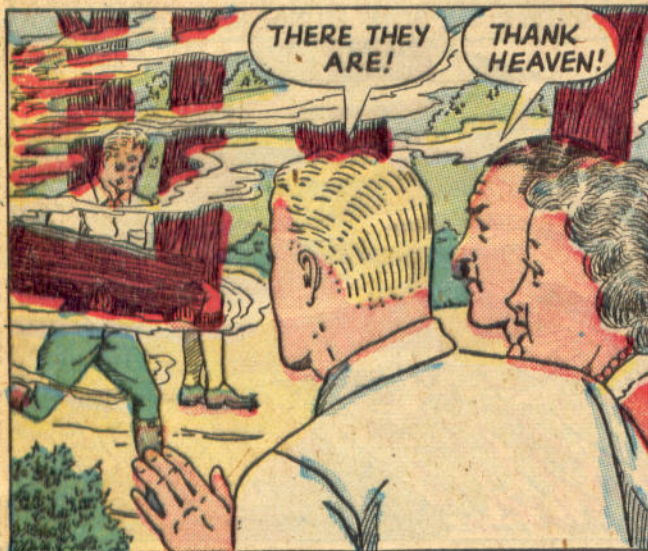
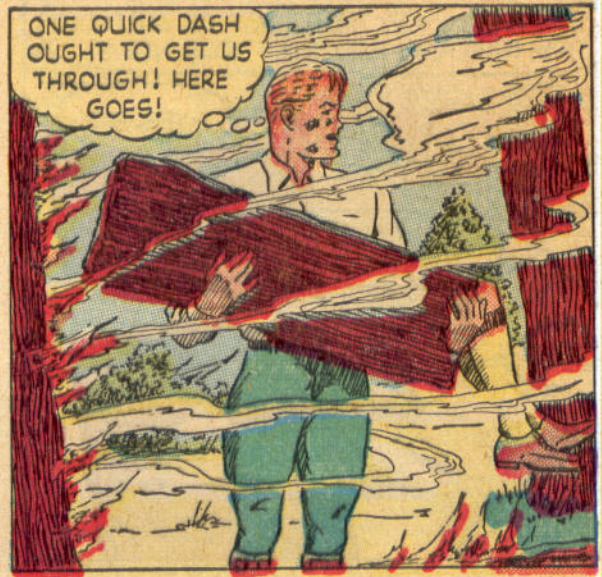
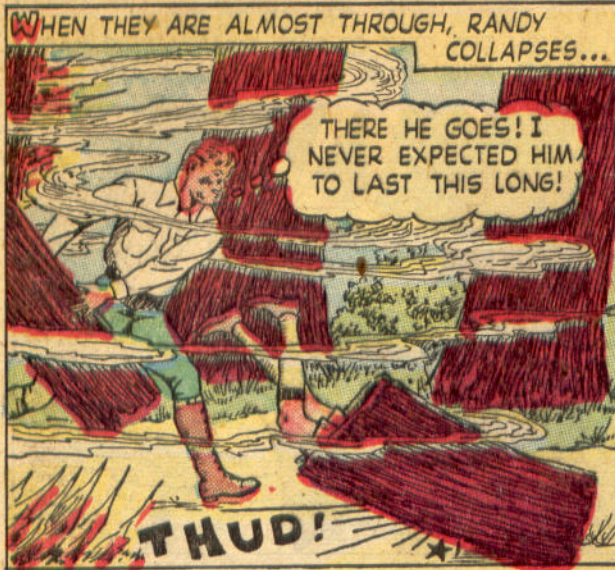
(COUGH!) OH...THE SMOKE! (KOFF-KOFF!) AND IT'S SO HOT! I'M GETTIN' DIZZY!

KEEP GOING, RANDY!

★ CRASH! ★

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Q 4 What great Italian poet wrote "The Divine Comedy," a classic poem about an inferno?



BLUE BOLT FLASHES

THE EDITORS WRITE:

What makes Americans such "all-around" people?

Well, we can easily see that our country offers a great many good influences toward the moulding of character and personality. Just look at the educational opportunities in America. With good education, a high standard of living, and the chance for competitive sports, why shouldn't we grow into well-rounded adults and good citizens?

What makes America such a great country?

That's easy to answer—the people do. We carry our early training into the adult world. Then we use the natural resources that this country possesses. What country, confronted with a crisis such as the recent world war, could have mobilized and converted in such rapid fashion! The whole world was amazed! It was all possible, basically because of the people.

We feel that Dick Cole, Edison Bell, and Blue Bolt are typically American, and we know you are. So play well during these remaining days of summer vacation so that you may be relaxed and ready to buckle down to some serious studying in the coming school year.

We hope you find Blue Bolt as interesting as the previous issues.

THE READERS WRITE:

Dear Editors:

I work at a newsstand and I sell many different types of magazines, but the minute we receive BLUE BOLT comics we are swamped with customers. I wish to congratulate you on your fine work. We are more than proud to sell this fine magazine to our customers.

Yours truly,
Louis Ferrero
Portland, Oregon

Dear Editors:

I have long been a follower of BLUE BOLT, and I personally think that it is one of the best on the newsstands. Your stories are interesting and not as far-fetched as most other publications. The illustrations are perfect and not eye-straining. I only hope that you continue to give us such wholesome entertainment.

Yours truly,
Samuel Majarian
Lawrence, Massachusetts

Dear Editors:

I have just finished your May-June issue of BLUE BOLT. I have read your book for many years and find it very amusing. I find it to be one of the main books I read. The May-June issue doesn't have "Edison Bell" in it. I like "Edison Bell" very much, and I like to make the things that are shown after each story. I have made the seascope and the turkey call. I didn't know what I was

missing when I didn't make them all.

I sincerely wish and hope that you will continue your good work. Keep your faithful readers happy.

Yours truly,
Saylor Leighton
Buena Vista, Virginia

Dear Editors:

I have read many comics. In fact, reading comics is my hobby. Of all the comics I have read I choose BLUE BOLT as my favorite. "Edison Bell" is my first favorite story. He has very magnificent ideas, and as far as inventions are concerned he surely is super.

The "Questions and Answers" are my next favorite because they are extremely educational and very interesting. They helped me in school many a time. Last but not least, I like "Dick Cole." He is excellent.

So please continue publishing your swell comic. This means so much to me, and I'm sure they are enjoyed by everyone.

Respectfully yours,
Patricia McNulty
Brooklyn 20, New York

Dear Editors:

BLUE BOLT is the first comic I look for when I go to my favorite newsstand because it is the best comic on sale for me.

One thing I like about "Dick Cole" is that it is always based on some sport and there aren't many girls in the stories.

Another thing I like is the "Questions and Answers." They help in school and other places.

Some of my friends also like BLUE BOLT comic books.

Yours truly,
Richard Dzinbanek
Thompsonville, Michigan

Dear Editors:

I think BLUE BOLT comics is super. I think the "Questions and Answers" on the bottom of the pages are a swell idea, and they are very interesting. The only thing wrong with this comic book is that some of the stories are too short. Otherwise, I think that it is one of the best comics ever published. I enjoy reading BLUE BOLT very much.

Yours truly,
Norma Kaufman
Cleveland, Ohio

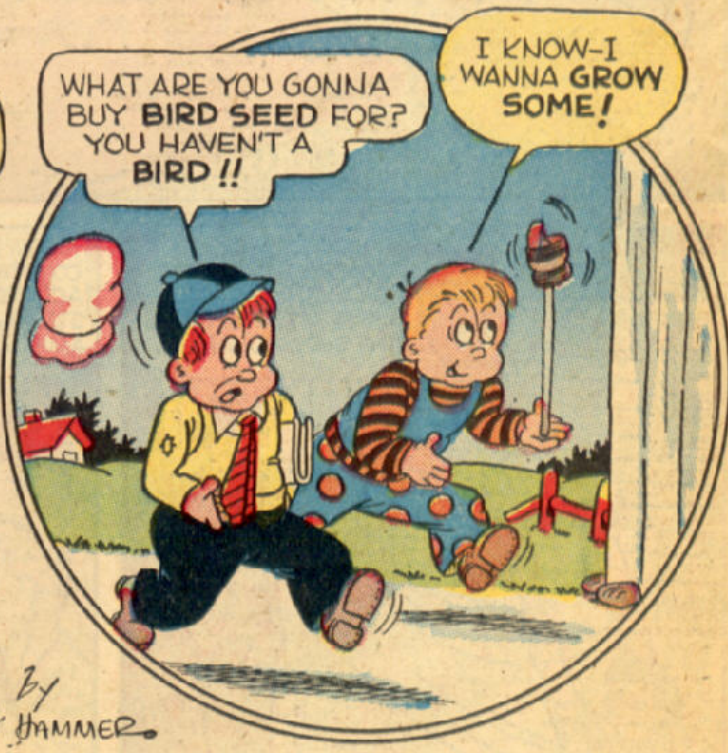
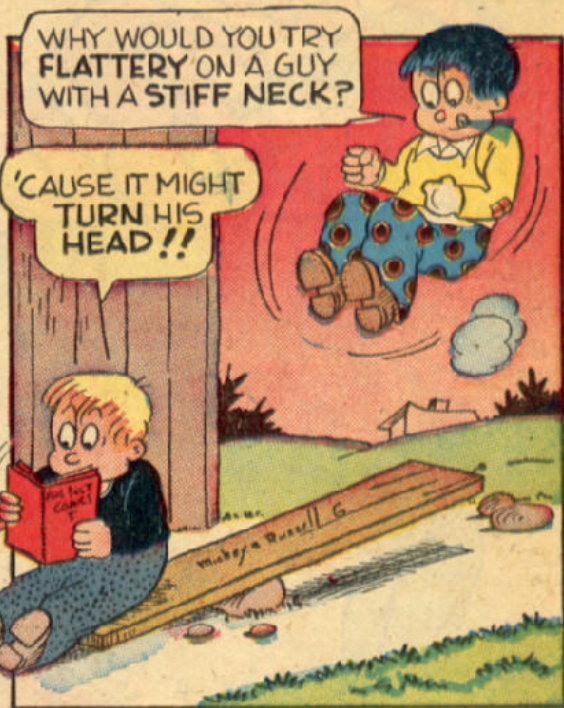
Dear Editors:

I have read many comics but none can compare to BLUE BOLT. It's not like some of the silly comics you see today.

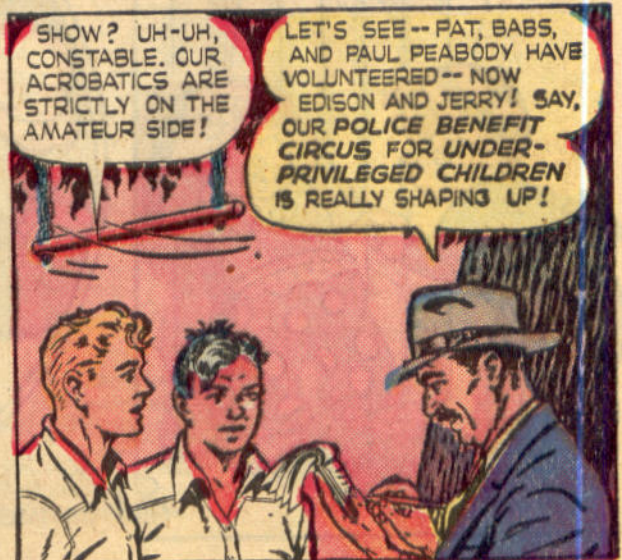
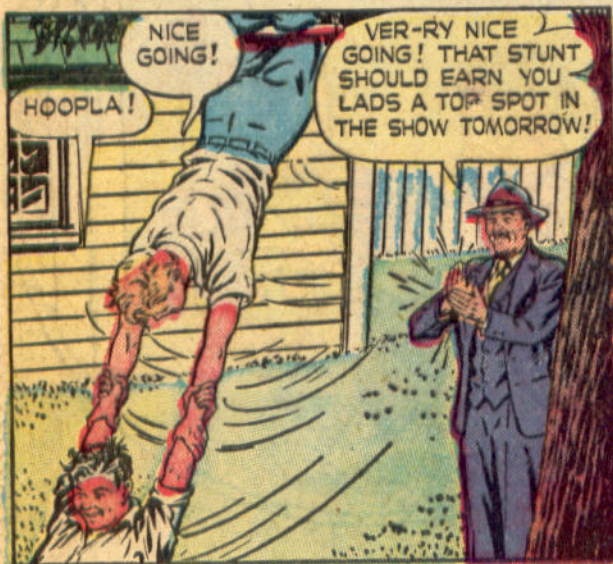
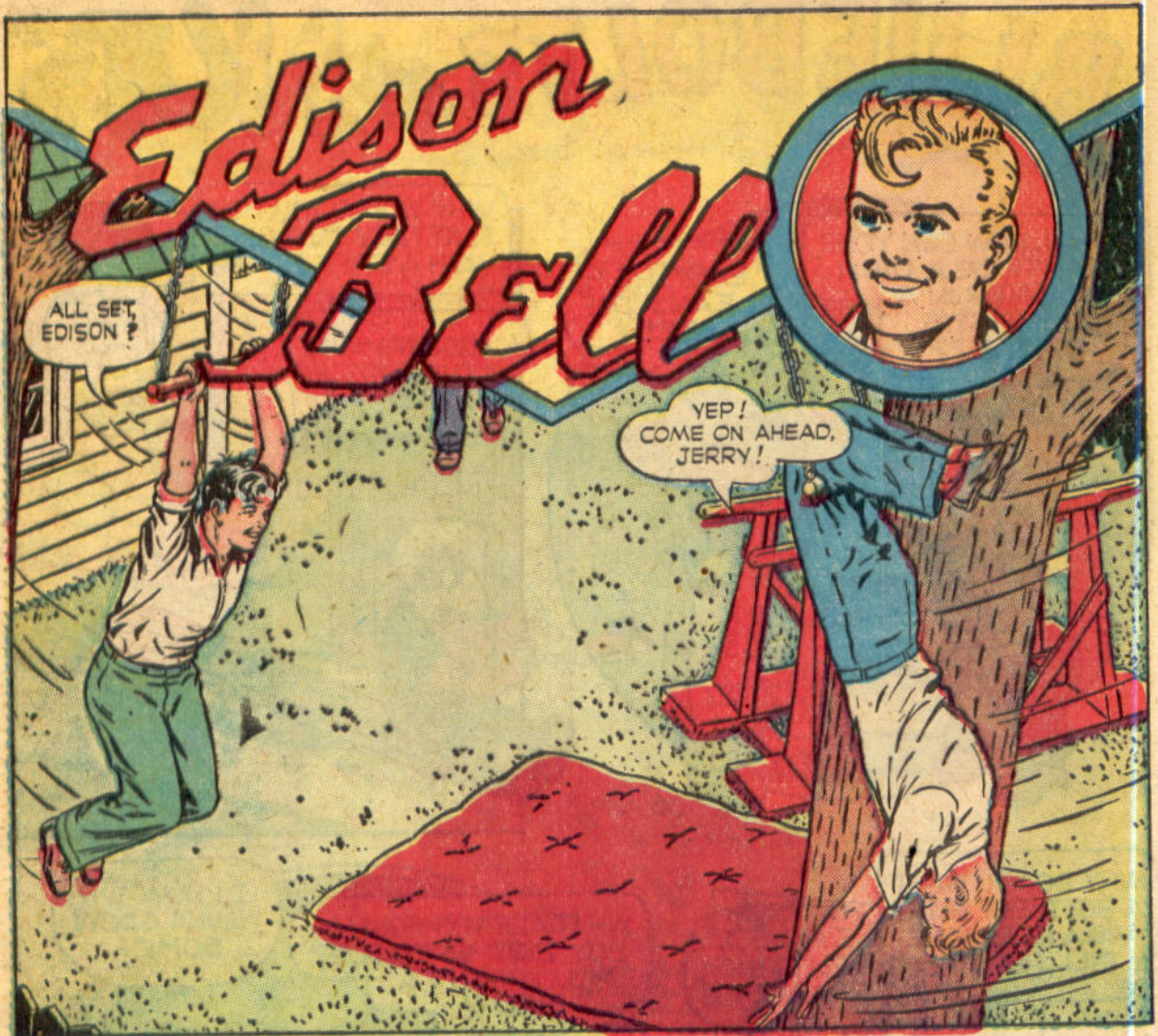
I've been reading BLUE BOLT ever since I was a little boy. I'm interested in sports and BLUE BOLT has the kind of sports I like. And most of all I like the way Dick Cole is so polite and such a good sport.

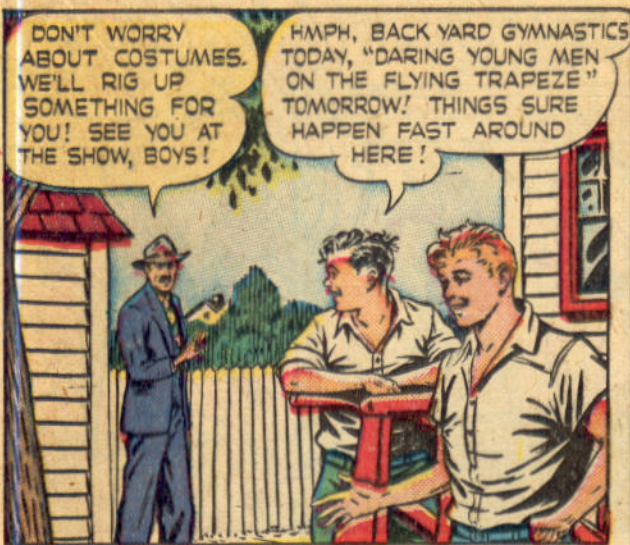
Yours truly,
Thomas Caradonna
Brooklyn 6, New York

BLUEBOLTS and NUTS



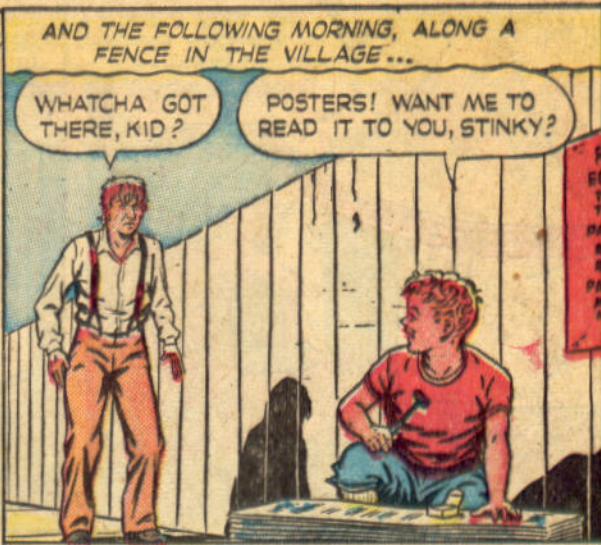
By
MILT HAMMER





DON'T WORRY ABOUT COSTUMES. WE'LL RIG UP SOMETHING FOR YOU! SEE YOU AT THE SHOW, BOYS!

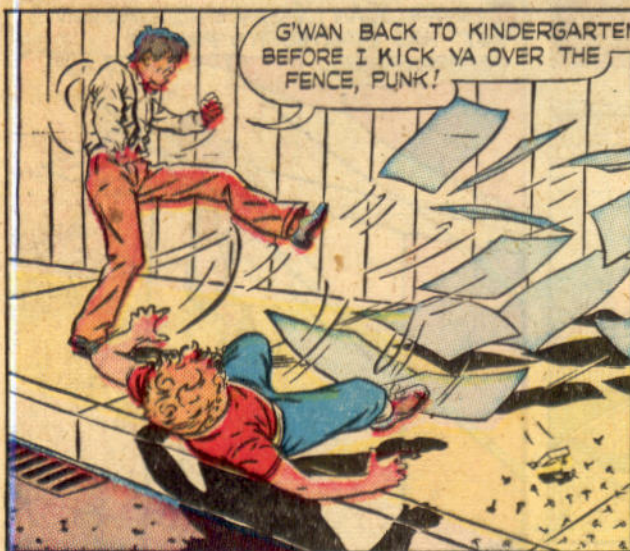
HMPH, BACK YARD GYMNASTICS TODAY, "DARING YOUNG MEN ON THE FLYING TRAPEZE" TOMORROW! THINGS SURE HAPPEN FAST AROUND HERE!



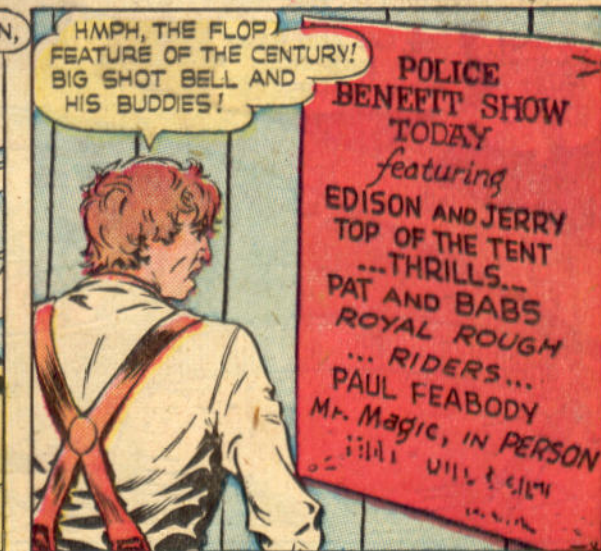
AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING, ALONG A FENCE IN THE VILLAGE...

WHATCHA GOT THERE, KID?

POSTERS! WANT ME TO READ IT TO YOU, STINKY?

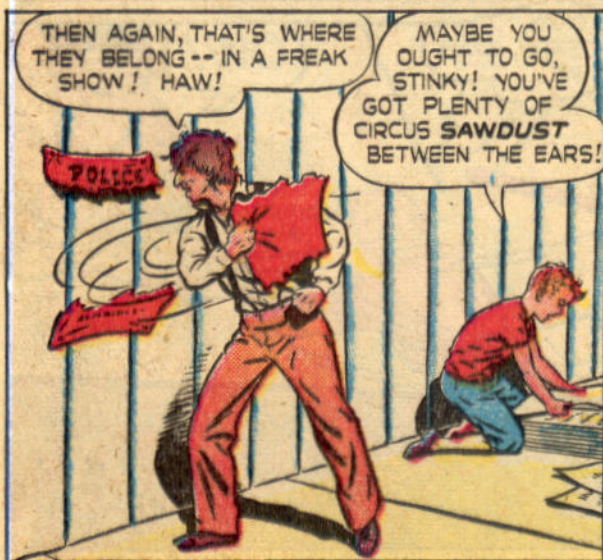


G'WAN BACK TO KINDERGARTEN, BEFORE I KICK YA OVER THE FENCE, PUNK!



HMPH, THE FLOP FEATURE OF THE CENTURY! BIG SHOT BELL AND HIS BUDDIES!

POLICE BENEFIT SHOW TODAY
featuring
EDISON AND JERRY
TOP OF THE TENT
...THRILLS...
PAT AND BABS
ROYAL ROUGH
...RIDERS...
PAUL FEABODY
Mr. Magic, in PERSON

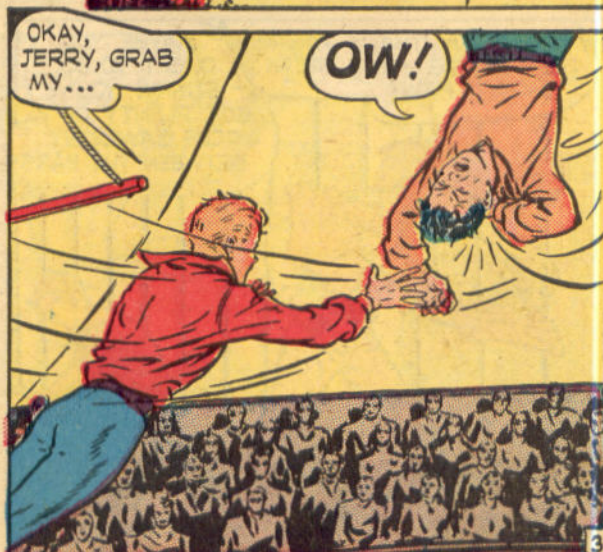
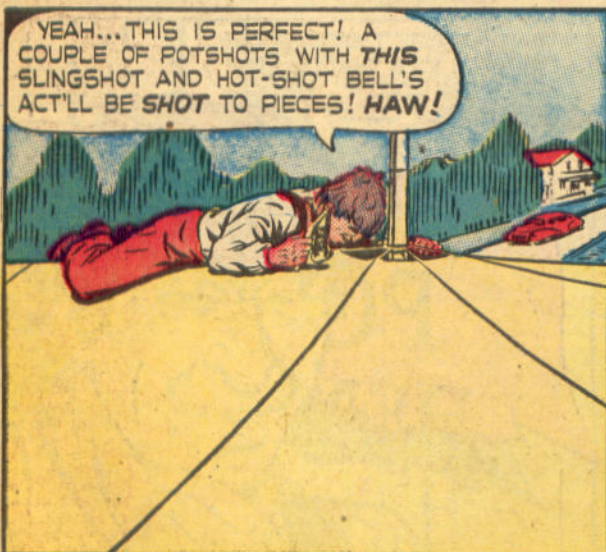
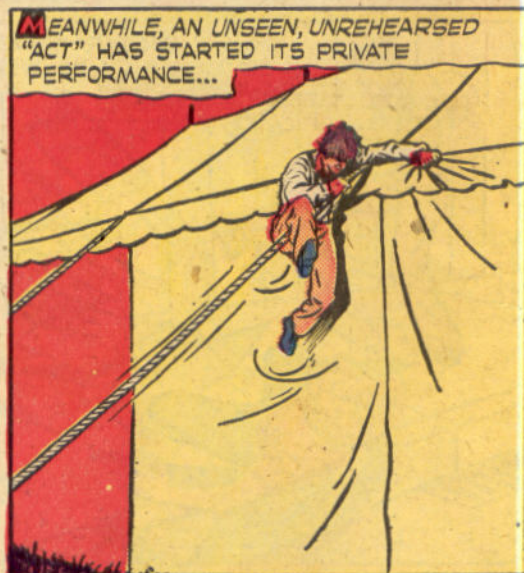
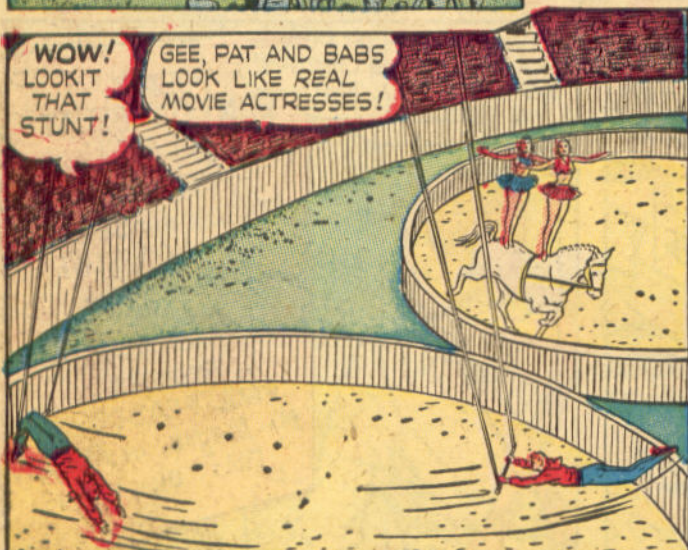
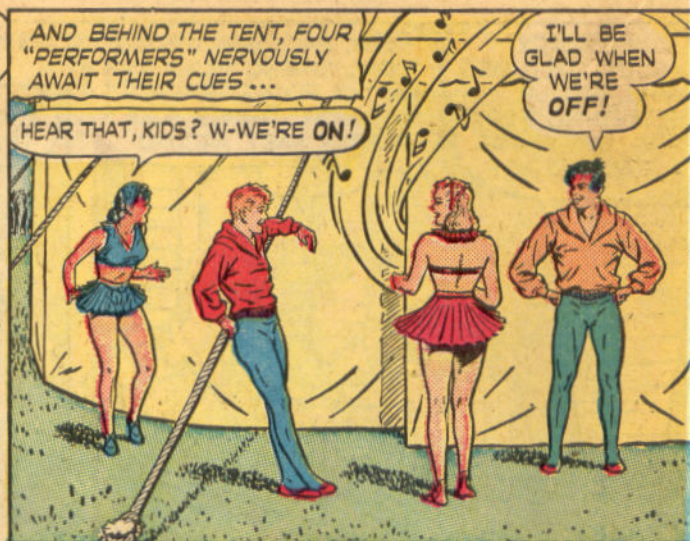


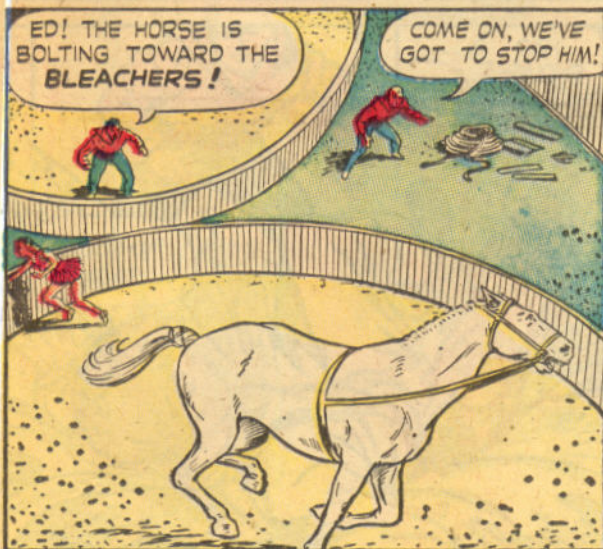
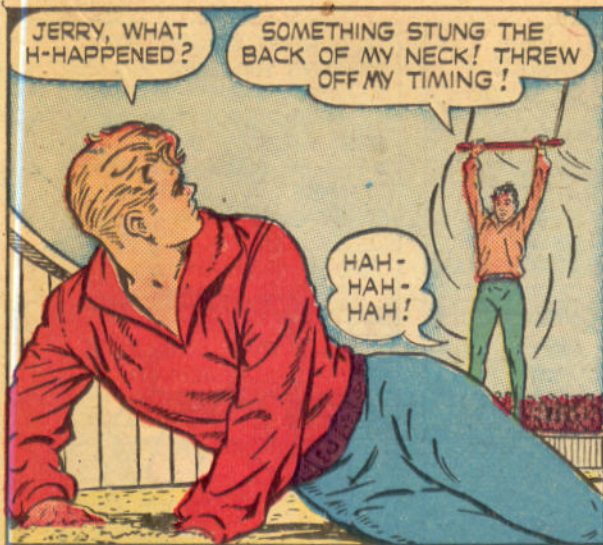
THEN AGAIN, THAT'S WHERE THEY BELONG -- IN A FREAK SHOW! HAW!

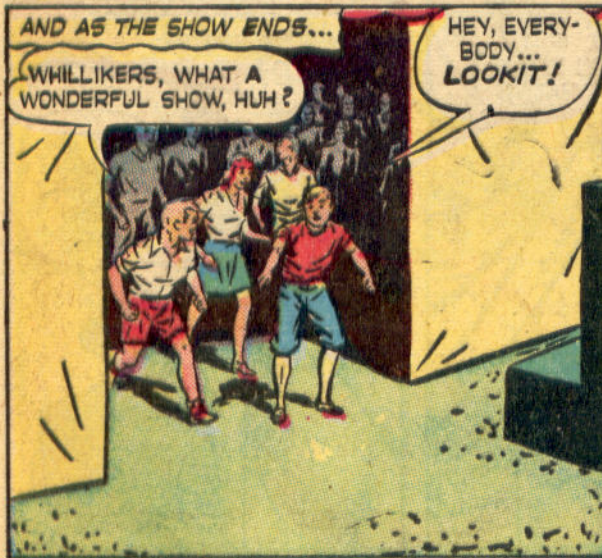
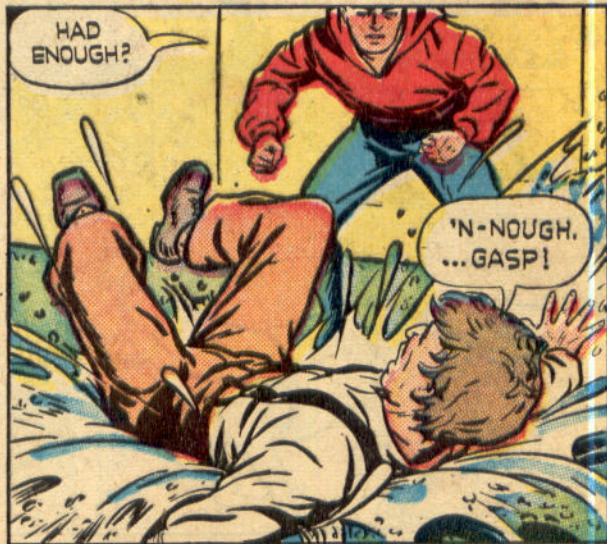
MAYBE YOU OUGHT TO GO, STINKY! YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF CIRCUS SAWDUST BETWEEN THE EARS!



YEAH--MAYBE I SHOULD GO! I GOT AN IDEA THAT'LL STOP THE SHOW COLD--
ABSOLUTELY COLD!







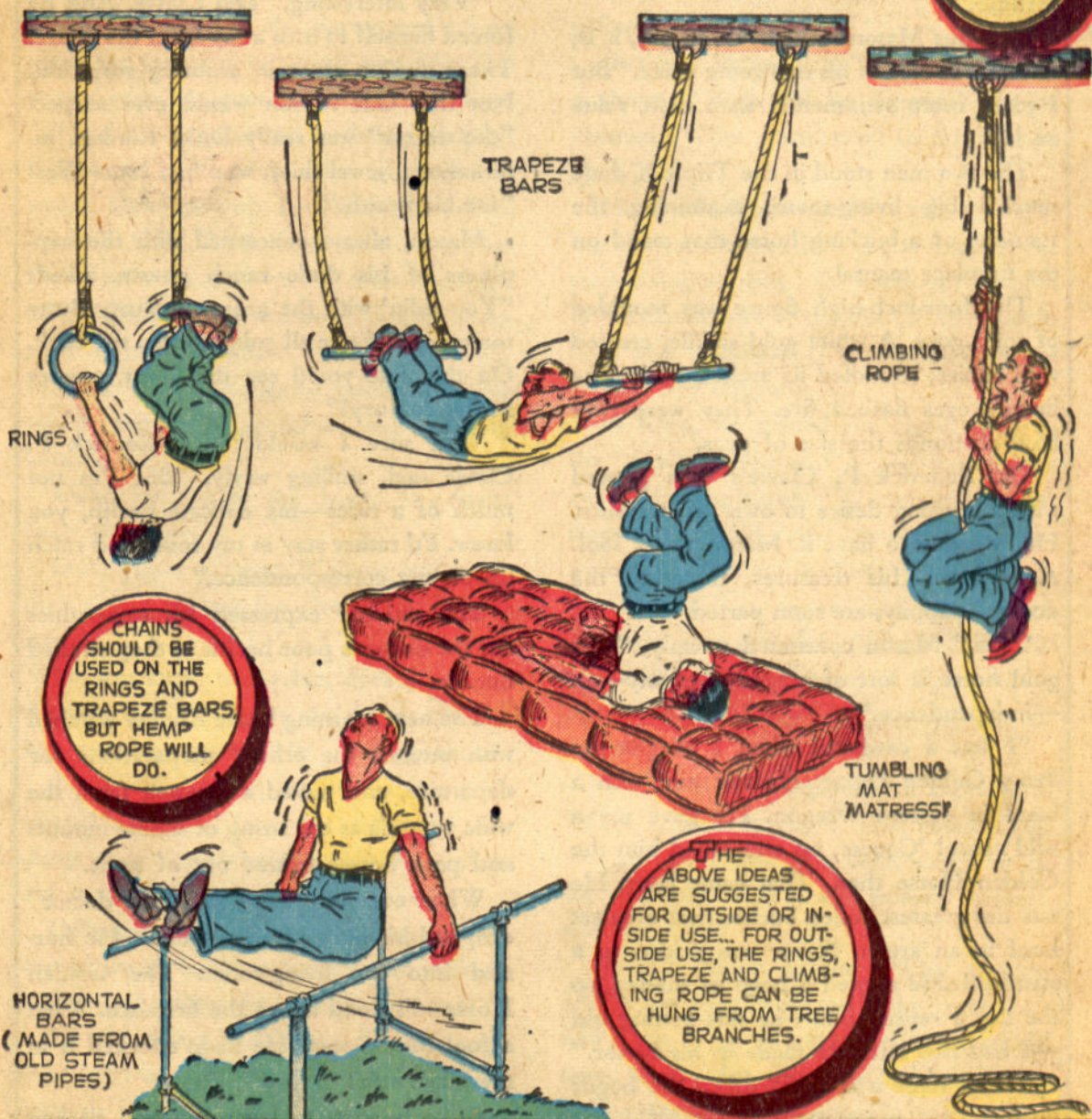
BUILD A SWELL BACK YARD

GYMNASIUM

FROM ODDS AND ENDS IN YOUR CELLAR OR ATTIC

USE YOUR OWN JUDGMENT AS TO THE SIZE OF THE EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE STRAIN USUALLY APPLIED TO THESE APPARATUS, THE STRONGEST MATERIAL AVAILABLE SHOULD BE USED. HERE ARE A FEW MUSCLE BUILDERS YOU CAN MAKE...

BY
HARRY
LAZARUS



BLUE BOLT

THE AMERICAN

FLASHING SWORDS AND HOWLING SANDSTORMS CAN'T STOP BLUE BOLT AND SNAP DOODLE, WHEN THEY'RE AFTER A STORY FOR GLIMPSES!

INFIDEL!
YOU SHALL
DIE!



MARGE HESSLIN AND FLASH PANN, PILOT-PHOTOGRAPHER TEAM FOR ORBIT MAGAZINE, SNAP KING BLAGA OF TABUZ, GETTING HIS WEIGHT IN DIAMONDS FROM LOYAL SUBJECTS. BUT WHERE ARE BLUE BOLT AND SNAP DOODLE, THE GLIMPSES MAGAZINE TEAM



I'M SO HAPPY, FLASH!
AT LEAST WE HAVE AN
EXCLUSIVE-- AND AFTER ALL
THE BRAGGING SNAP DID
BACK IN BOMBAY ABOUT
SCOOPING US!



BLUE BOLT IS FOULED UP IN RED TAPE
BECAUSE I HID HIS
DIPLOMATIC PAPERS... BUT
I BETTER NOT TELL
MARGE THAT!



*The GLIMPSES PLANE FINALLY LANDS...AS THE
COLORFUL CEREMONY ENDS...*

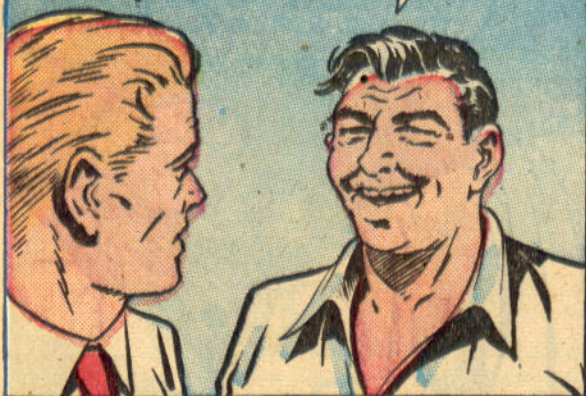
THEY WOULDN'T LET
US GO TILL WE FOUND
OUR PASSPORTS!

QUICK! WHERE'S
KING BLAGA?

HAW!
HAW!



THE SHOW'S OVER, CHUMPS!
BLAGA IS IN HIS TENT...
AND HE DOESN'T WANT
TO BE DISTURBED!



MY! MY! DON'T
TELL ME A MERE
WOMAN HAS
SCOOPED YOU
TWO BIG STRONG
MEN!

AW!

I BET FLASH HID
OUR PAPERS, BUT
NO USE GRIPING!
THE DAMAGE IS
DONE!



MEANWHILE A
STARTLING
EVENT TAKES
PLACE IN KING
BLAGA'S TENT.

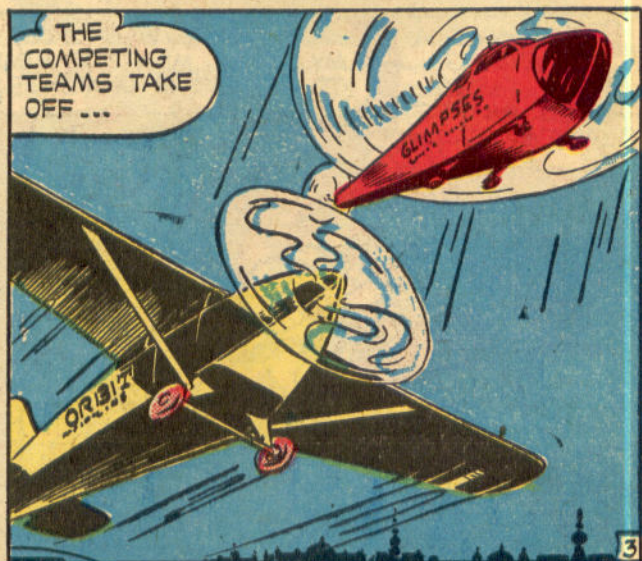
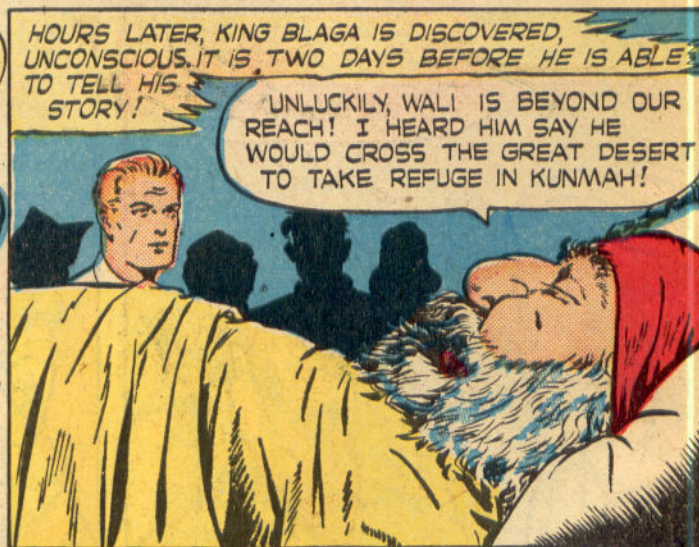
FOR SHAME, WALI! YOU,
MY PRIME MINISTER, MEAN
TO STEAL THE DIAMONDS!

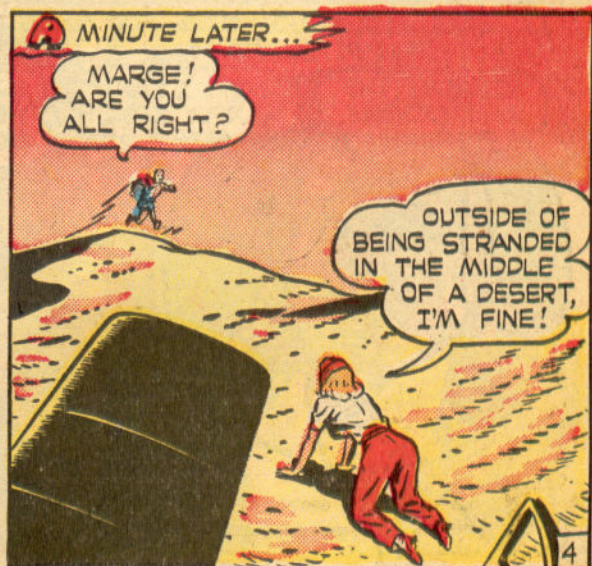
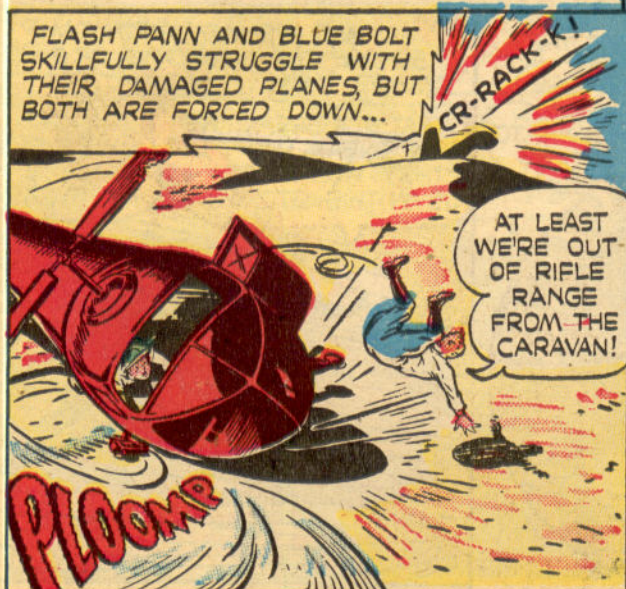
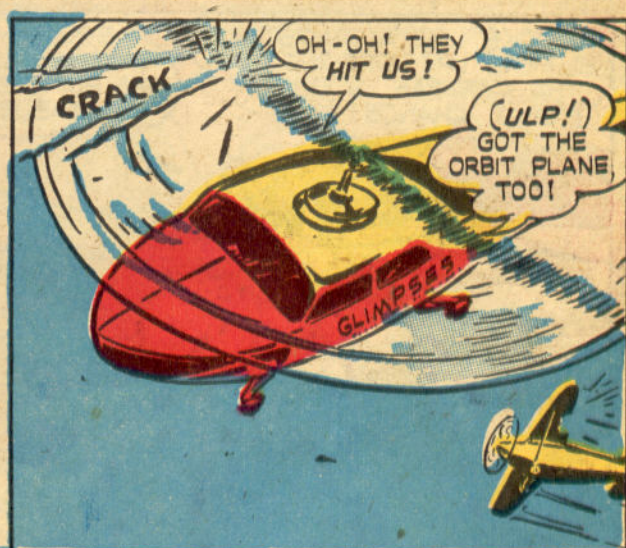
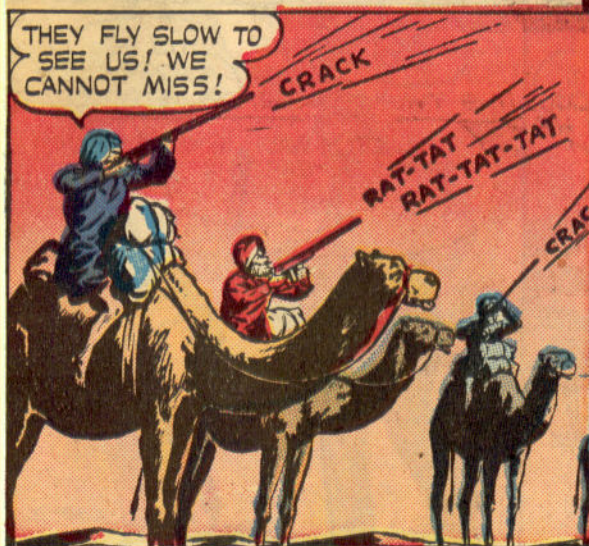
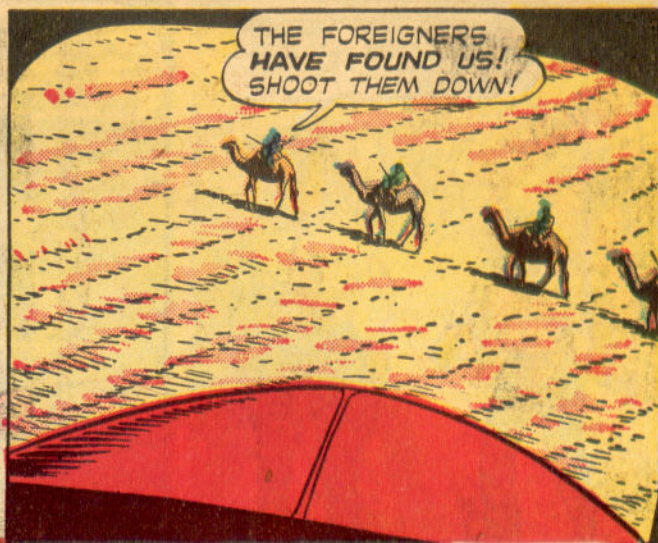
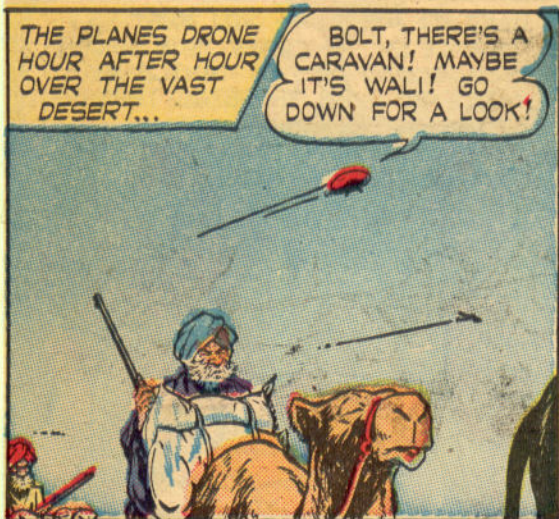


YES, O FAT ONE!
I CAN SELL THEM FOR
TWO MILLION DOLLARS!

GUARDS!
SEIZE THIS
TREACHEROUS
DOG!







THE PLANES ARE USELESS,
AND WE HAVE NO
FOOD OR WATER!
IT'S GOING TO BE
A LONG, TOUGH HIKE
BACK TO TABUZ!



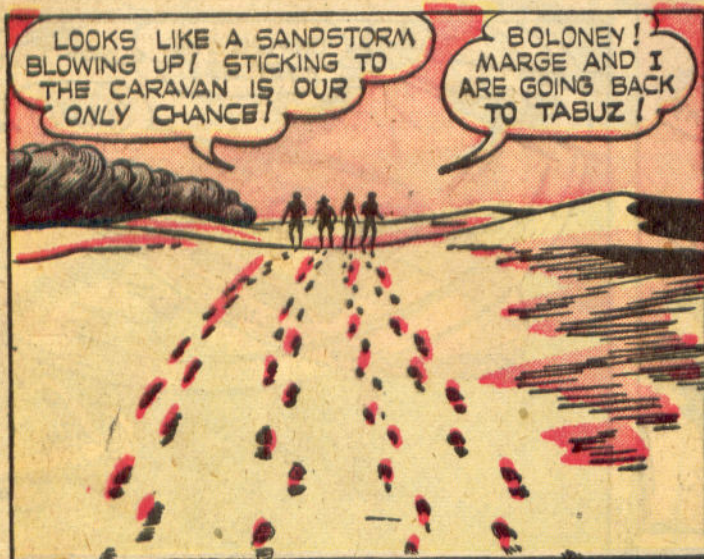
WE'D NEVER MAKE IT!
OUR ONE SLIM CHANCE IS
TO TAIL THE CARAVAN, AND
WAIT FOR A CHANCE TO
TAKE IT OVER!



YOU MUST BE
CRAZY! IT'S SUICIDE
TO TANGLE WITH
THOSE CUTTHROATS!



LOOKS LIKE A SANDSTORM
BLOWING UP! STICKING TO
THE CARAVAN IS OUR
ONLY CHANCE!



BOLONEY!
MARGE AND I
ARE GOING BACK
TO TABUZ!

SO LONG,
CHUMPS!



DO BE
CAREFUL,
BLUE BOLT!

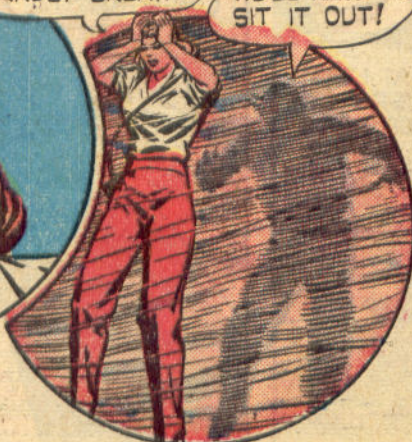


MARGE AND FLASH PLOD FOR MILES OVER THE
HOT SANDS. SUDDENLY...

FLASH! THE
SANDSTORM!

UGH! I CAN
HARDLY BREATHE!

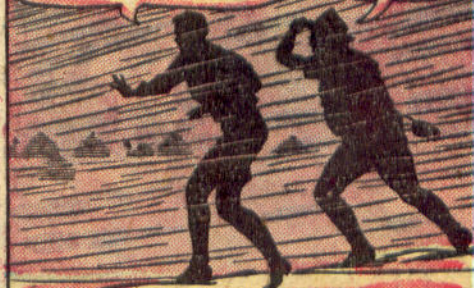
CAN'T SEE
OUR WAY!
WE'LL HAVE TO
SIT IT OUT!



ALI AND HIS MEN PITCH CAMP
BEFORE THE HURRICANE OF SAND
STRIKES THEM...

THAT'S A BREAK! WE
CAN SNEAK RIGHT UP!
THEY WON'T SEE
US IN THIS STORM!

CAN'T SEE
A THING
MYSELF!
SAND IN
MY EYES!





THIS BIG TENT MUST BE WALI'S. MAYBE WE CAN GRAB THE BIG CHEESE HIMSELF!

WISH I COULD SEE!



SNAP BLINDLY STEPS ON A SLEEPING GUARD...

OOPS!

UGH!



PIG!
I RUN YOU THROUGH!

GULP!



GIVE ME THAT BEFORE SOMEBODY GETS HURT!

SO!

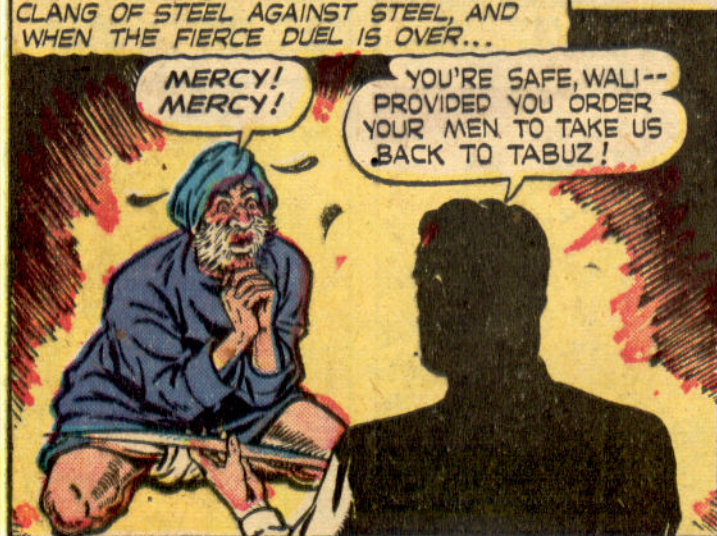
LOOK OUT, BOLT!



I, WALI, WILL SEE THAT YOU DIE!

YEAH? YOU AND WHO ELSE?

THE HOWLING STORM DROWNS OUT THE CLANG OF STEEL AGAINST STEEL, AND WHEN THE FIERCE DUEL IS OVER...

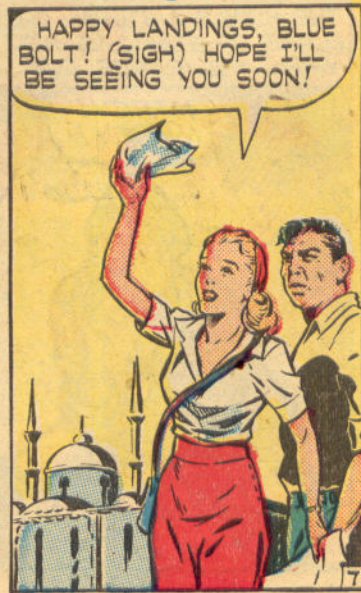
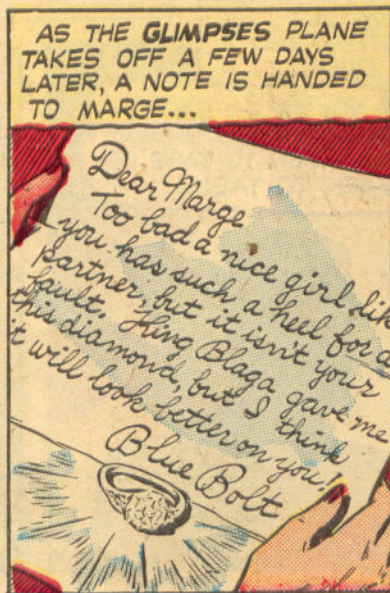
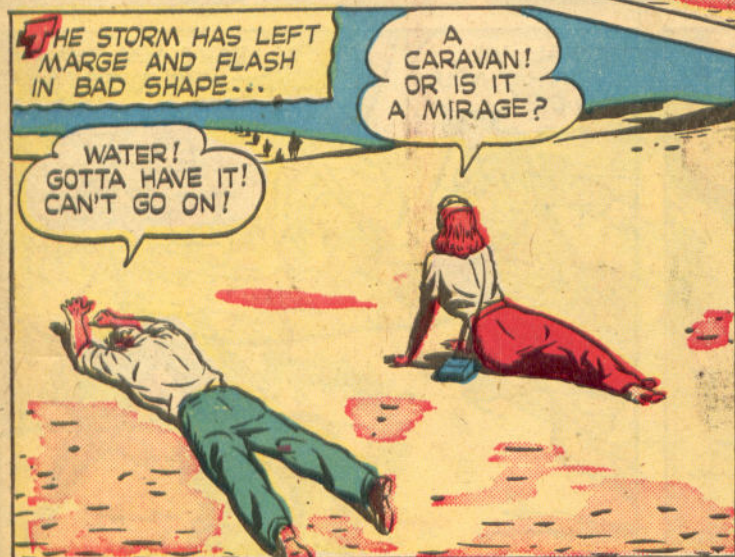
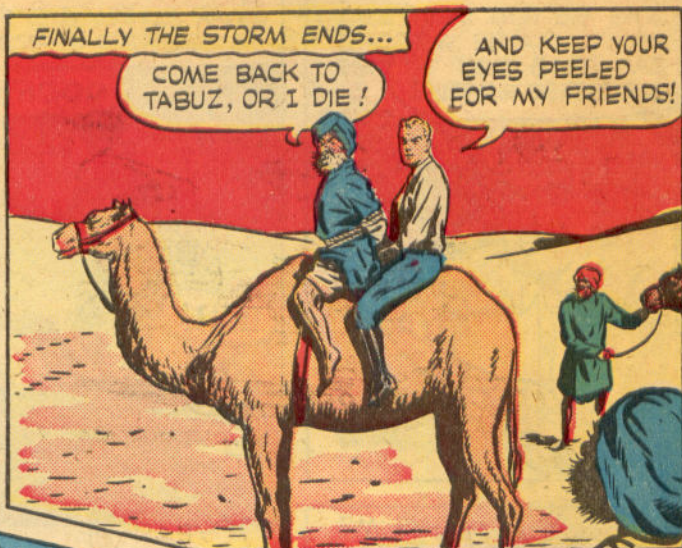
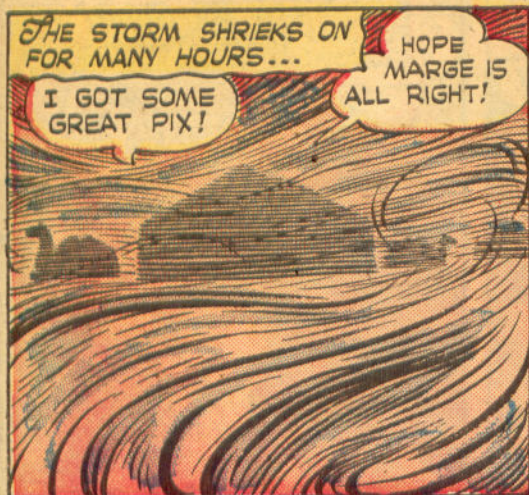


MERCY!
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YOU'RE SAFE, WALI-- PROVIDED YOU ORDER YOUR MEN TO TAKE US BACK TO TABUZ!

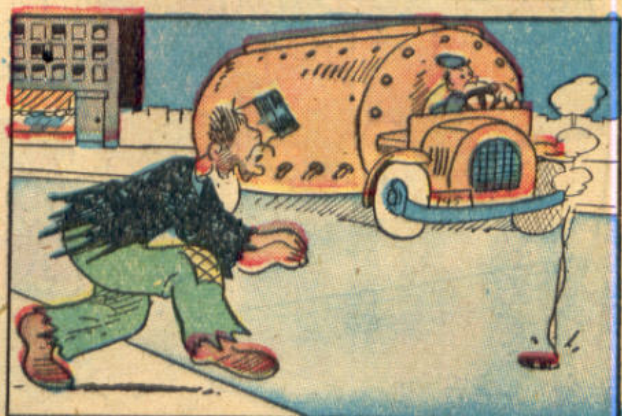
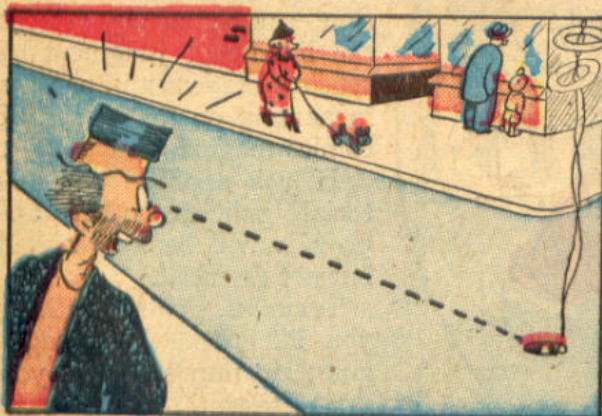
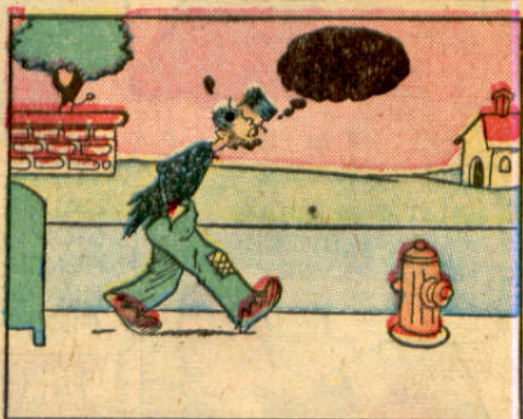
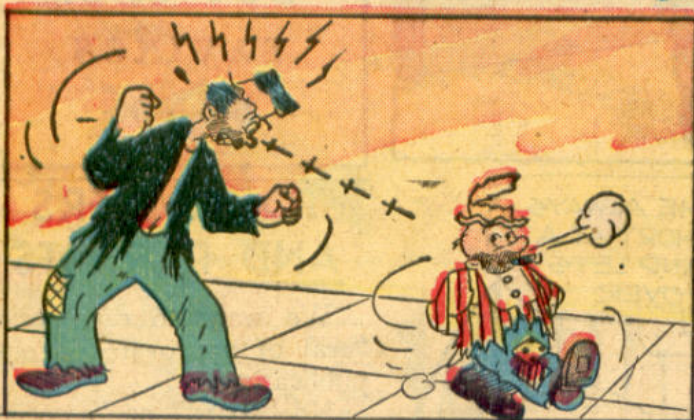
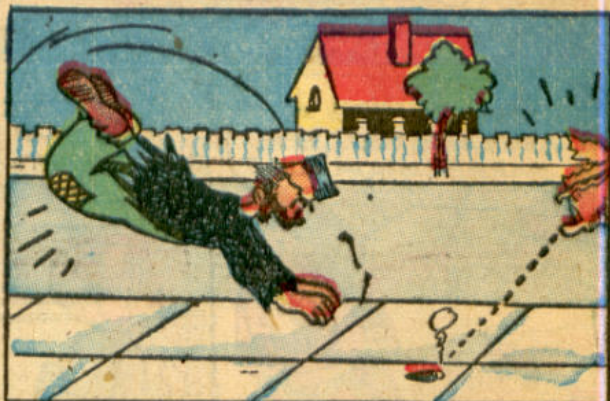


YES! YES!
AS SOON AS THE STORM STOPS!



HEATHCLIFF THE HOBO

BY ART HELFANT



BLUE BOLT

